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NEWS.

MR. C. G. PRINGLE is making a collection of Cuban plants in the vicinity of Cienfuegos.

DR. J. H. BARNHART has been elected editor-in-chief of the publications of the Torrey Botanical Club.

THE German Botanical Society has elected Professor Schwendener president, and Professor Wettstein vice-president.

PROFESSOR L. M. UNDERWOOD has gone to the West Indies to spend six months in the study of tropical American ferns.

PROFESSOR BRUCE FINK, of Upper Iowa University, has accepted the new chair of botany at Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa.

PROFESSORS SOLMS-LAUBACH and GOEBEL have been elected honorary members of the Zoological-Botanical Society of Vienna.

JORDAN'S *Icones Florae Europae*, of which only 100 copies were printed, will be completed this year by the publication of the lacking 220 plates.

THE SHARON BIOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY, a summer school for teachers at Sharon, Mass., will experiment in forestry on a tract of 300 acres of woodland, which it purposes making into a model forest.

THE DESMAZIÈRES prize of the Paris Academy of Sciences has been awarded to Professor Roland Thaxter, of Harvard University, for his study on the parasitic fungi of American insects.—*Science*.

THE TASK of growing valuable forests on the barren sand-hills of Nebraska will begin this spring, when the Bureau of Forestry will seed about 100 acres of Dismal River Forest Reserve near Halsey with red cedar and jack pine.

JOSEPH BURTT DAVY, instructor in botany in the University of California, has accepted the position of state agrostologist and botanist to the Department of Agriculture of the Transvaal government, with headquarters in Pretoria.—*Science*.

WE ARE informed that the large private botanical library of the late Alexis Jordan, of Lyon (1814-1897), containing many valuable works on the flora of Europe, will be sold by auction next May. Paul Klincksieck, 3 rue Corneille, Paris, is preparing the catalogue and will send it free on application as soon as ready.

THE CONNECTICUT BOTANICAL SOCIETY was organized in New Haven, January 24, 1903, and the following officers elected: Professor Alexander W. 1903]

Evans, president; Dr. C. B. Graves, vice-president; Dr. E. H. Eames, recording secretary and treasurer; and Mr. E. B. Harger, Oxford, Conn., corresponding secretary. Thirty-one persons were present. Papers were read by Mr. E. B. Harger, and Mr. W. E. Britton, and a graphic account of "The geographic distribution of certain New England plants," was presented by Mr. M. L. Fernald. In conformity with a plan to collect material for a complete catalogue of the flora of the state, a committee on the higher plants, including the pteridophytes, was appointed, viz., Dr. C. B. Graves, New London; E. H. Eames, Bridgeport; Mr. C. H. Bissell, Southington; Mr. L. Andrew, Southington; Mr. E. B. Harger, Oxford; and Mr. J. N. Bishop, Plainville. Field meetings are to be held in some of the least known portions of the state, the flora of Northeastern Connecticut, for example, being almost wholly unrecorded.—E. H. EAMES.

FROM ADVANCE sheets of the *Report* of the Missouri Botanical Garden for 1902 we gather the following information: A series of plant houses of modern design and good construction were erected at a cost of \$7,000. During the year, 128 species or varieties of plants were dropped from cultivation, and 1,712 were added, making a net gain of 1,584 for the year. The total number recorded as cultivated is now 11,551. Over two thousand plants were distributed to hospitals and schools, and 392 plants, cuttings, or packets of seeds were sent to correspondents of the Garden. In exchange for the latter material and the publications of the Garden, or as gifts, 11,613 plants and packets of seeds were received. The number of visitors in 1902 was 21,052 greater than in the highest previous year (1901) for which records have been kept, reaching a total of 112,314. The herbarium has been increased by the acquisition of the herbarium of Professor G. C. Broadhead, valuable as verifying the occurrence in Missouri of plants referred to in the early geological reports on the state, and by the incorporation of 62,844 sheets of specimens, of which 15,551 were presented or received in exchange for material or publications, 469 were collected by employees of the Garden, and 47,224 were bought. The herbarium, so far as now mounted, contains 427,797 specimens. The library has been increased by the addition of 1,524 books and 697 pamphlets, purchased, and 992 books and 1,995 pamphlets, presented or received by way of exchange. Among the notable additions to the library should be mentioned an extensive collection of books published before the time of Linnaeus, and therefore complementary to the pre-Linnaean library presented by Dr. Sturtevant in 1892. As now constituted, the library contains 22,608 pamphlets, 18,550 books, and 302,955 index cards. The current list of serial publications received includes 1,160 titles.